

Small change about show site

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The oldest picture of the City of St. Louis is on a \$10 bank note which circulated in 1817. The bank was the first bank west of the Mississippi River.

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In the War between the States the only state where both the Union side and the

Confederate side each issued state paper money was Missouri. (We just couldn't make up our minds!)

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The first sales tax tokens of Missouri were printed on round paper milk bottle caps; and no other money has been so made. (That is why St. Louis has the milk of human kindness!)

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The Louisiana Purchase Exposition or St. Louis World's Fair was honored by the coinage of the first United States

commemorative gold dollar. The event was delayed until 1904 and the dollar was dated 1903, so we have a coin dated one year before the event it commemorates. (We have been on time ever since.)

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The United States \$20 Demand Note of 1861 issued by the assistant U.S. Treasurer at St. Louis is the only U.S. Treasury paper money item of which no picture, no proof and no example is known (so please find one!).

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In the series of 1914 Federal Reserve Bank notes only one Federal Reserve Bank issued a \$50 denomination and that was the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank. (Maybe we were supposed to be big spenders!)

Finance plane

St. Louis businessmen financed the Ryan aircraft "Spirit of St. Louis" flown by a then-unknown air mail pilot, Charles Augustus Lindbergh across the Atlantic in 1927.

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